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In re Patent Application of)
Myun Ki HAN et al) Group Art Unit: 1655
Serial No.: 09/069,847) Examiner: J. Fredman
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For: FLUOROMETRIC ASSAY FOR)
DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID)
CLEAVAGE)

REPLY AND AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116
AND REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF INTERFERENCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action [final rejection] mailed on November 30, 1999,
kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel Claims 64, 65 and 101.

Also, please add the following additional claims:

--102. A method for continuously detecting a cleavage reaction by a
fluorometric assay, which method includes the following steps: